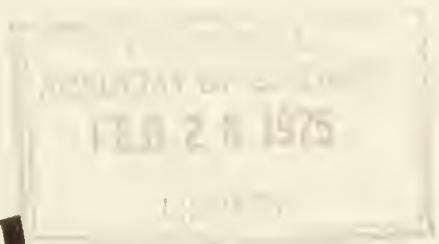


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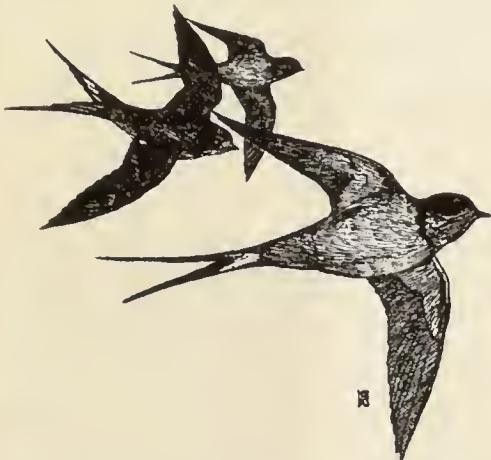
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Editor's Comment

THE VERNAL EQUINOX



when the world seemed empty, great-horned owls called to one another; soon they would be incubating eggs.

Spring in the Bay Area lacks the sudden drama of colder climates. It comes slowly with seasons overlapping. Acacias are a mass of gold against wintry skies. Pussy willows push out their catkins among tattered fall foliage. Robins proclaim territory with their exultant song while others, in flocks with cedar waxwings, feed on last year's pyracantha berries. Tree frogs are returning to vernal ponds to spawn; their chorus swells as daylight recedes. On the quieter waters of the Bay, hooded mergansers, buffleheads, and goldeneyes begin their courtship displays. In the refuges of the Great Central Valley, sandhill cranes are dancing. Tiny rufous hummingbirds, migrating north, sip nectar from eucalyptus flowers.

Spring began in November when the first rains sent water flowing in dry stream beds and greenness spread beneath beige stubble across fields and hillsides. By the end of January, pink-flowering currant was blooming in the shade and in the leaf litter, milk-maids and hound's tongues flowered. Manzanita bells hummed with the warm, summer-sound of bees. Thrashers sang in the chaparral and Anna's hummingbirds gathered cobwebs and down to construct their exquisite nests. In the hour before dawn,

Bright Venus and Jupiter share the sunset sky. On March 21 the sun will cross the equator and day and night will be equal. As the sun moves inexorably north, traveling the sky each day in a widening arc, life quickens in response assuring the fulfillment of another spring.

—PHILA WITHERELL, *Editor*

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS

The last film in the 1974-75 series will be shown Tuesday, March 11, 8:00 p.m., at the Oakland Auditorium Theatre. Titled "Wandering through Florida," the film is an easy-paced meander through the tropical wetlands of Florida. You will encounter the gentle manatee, the rare crocodile, otters, sandhill cranes, and the endangered Florida snail. The ecological implications of man's present activities and future plans are confronted.

Roy Coy, wildlife photographer and naturalist, has been a strong force in conservation in Colorado where he served as director of the Denver Museum of Natural History and in Missouri where he held similar posts.

Single admission tickets are \$1.75; children under 12 free if accompanied by a parent.

Come to dinner at Lovely's Buffet on Grand Avenue before the film and meet the speaker, Mr. Coy.

—FRANCES ELLEN FALLGATER, *Wildlife Chairman*

PELAGIC BOAT TRIP

The Golden Gate Audubon Society will sponsor a boat trip to circle the Farallon Islands on Sunday, April 6, 1975. Participants will have an opportunity to view nesting and migrating sea birds, many of which are only sighted occasionally from the coast. Past trips have produced sightings of tufted puffins in breeding plumage, shearwaters, and mammals.

Reservations should be made by sending \$12 per person to: Golden Gate Audubon Society, 2918 Telegraph Avenue, #206, Berkeley, CA. Make checks payable to GGAS. Space for the trip is limited and will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. No telephone reservations will be accepted.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

David C. Smith, director of research for the International Bird Rescue Research Center, will be the speaker at the March general meeting. He will show slides of seabirds and oil, and he will speak on the subject of public participation, agency planning, and rehabilitation techniques. David, a UC Berkeley graduate, was a junior high school science teacher until 1971 when he joined the staff of the International Bird Rescue Research Center.

The date: Thursday, March 13, 1975, 7:30 p.m.

The place: Rotary Science Center, Lake Merritt.

—DOLORES WHITE, *Program Chairperson*

NEW COURSES—ALBANY ADULT SCHOOL

Natural history courses, co-sponsored by CGAS and Albany Adult School, will continue with three new courses for the spring quarter. The courses and beginning dates are:

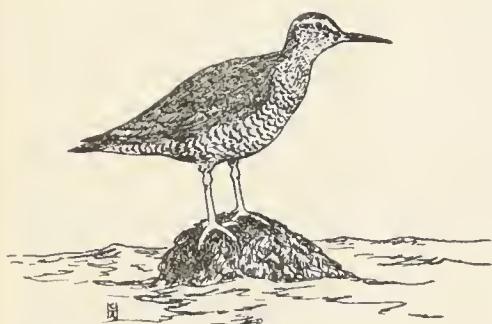
“Plant Communities,” Bill Brophy. Monday, April 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m. This course will use the ecological approach considering the interaction of different plants in the environment; California plants will be emphasized.

“Indoor Plants,” John Bryan, Director of Strybing Arboretum. Monday, April 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

“Marine Birds and Mammals of California,” Paul Kelly. Tuesday, April 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. The course will include natural history, biology, and identification with the possibility of a field trip.

Registration is at the first class meeting.

—JAMES CLAYTON, *Education Chairman*

Bay Area Birds**FIELD TRIPS FOR MARCH & APRIL**

Triggs (664-8502). Leaders: Ted

March 1, Saturday

Point Molate. See February *Gull* for details. Leaders: Tom Williams (548-0939) and Fred Tarp.

March 7, 8 & 9, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Bus trip to Honey Lake in Lassen County, to see Sage Grouse. See February *Gull* for details. Organizer: Pat Chandik (493-5330) and Bob Yutzy.

March 12, Wednesday

Presidio of San Francisco. Meet at 9:00 a.m. inside the Presidio at the end of the 45 bus line. Bring lunch. Leader: Roberta Long (564-7767).

March 15, Saturday

Bodega Bay, Sonoma County, for shorebirds, ducks and loons. Meet in the town of Bodega Bay at the Tides Restaurant at 9:30 a.m. We will bird around the edge of the bay, on Bodega Head, and (if time permits) at Salmon Creek. Leader: George Peyton, Jr. (531-5588).

March 19, Wednesday

A mini-trip for seniors to Lake Merced in San Francisco. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the North Lake parking lot at the foot of Sunset Blvd. Accessible by 72 busline. Lunch optional. Leader: Naomi Sveningsen (584-6233).

March 23, Sunday

Coyote Hills Regional Park. From either the Dumbarton Bridge (Cal. 84) or the Nimitz Freeway (Cal. 17), take Jarvis Ave. to Newark Blvd.,

the first traffic signal coming from either direction. Go northwest on Newark Blvd. about a mile and turn left on Patterson Ranch Road. Drive to the parking lot at the end of this road, meet at 9:00 a.m. We should see shorebirds, marsh birds and perhaps owls. Leader: Bruce Schatzman (386-1876).

April 5, Saturday

Briones Reservoir, Contra Costa County. From San Francisco-Oakland, take Cal. 24 to Orinda. Turn northwest on Camino Pablo, drive about 2 miles to Bear Creek Rd. From Berkeley, take Wildcat Canyon Rd. east out of Tilden Park, past Inspiration Pt. At the bottom of the hill it crosses Camino Pablo and becomes Bear Creek Rd. Continue northeast on Bear Creek Rd., around Briones Res. to its eastern end. Just beyond the intersection with Happy Valley Rd. (on the right) there is a bridge over Bear Creek. As soon as you cross the bridge, watch to the left for the EBMUD Staging Area, where we will meet at 8:00 a.m. Bring lunch and be prepared to walk 2 or 3 miles. Leader: Gene Hull (525-6893).

April 6, Sunday

To Fort Cronkhite to see late wintering waterfowl, hawks and passersines. From U.S. 101, take the Alexander Ave. exit (just north of the Golden Gate Bridge), drive west through the tunnel and meet in the parking area at the other end at 8:30 a.m. Bring lunch and scopes. Leader: Brian McCaffery (824-7320).

No-leader trips: March 13, Tilden Park; meet at Little Farm at 9:00 a.m. March 26, Golden Gate Park; meet at Chain of Lakes, 43rd and Fulton, at 9:00 a.m. For both trips, choose your own leader. Lunch optional.

Dates to hold: April 20, Briones Regional Park; April 27, Livermore and McCoy Ranch; May 3 & 4, camping trip to Pinnacles National Monument; May 11, Mt. Diablo State Park; May 18, Anadell State Park, Sonoma County; June 14 & 15, Yuba Pass in the Sierra Nevada.

—PAT TRIGGS, *Field Trips Chairman*

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

The purpose of the observations column is to publish sight records of rare or unusual birds in the areas most accessible to GGAS members. The area I intend to include is that formed by a rough semicircle, centered in the Bay Area, stretching to Monterey in the south; Los Banos, Gray Lodge and Sacramento Wildlife Refuges to the east; and Pt. Arena in the north. The farther away a sighting is made from the north Bay, the better the bird must be to be included. Thus a wintering oriole or tanager, or even White-throated Sparrow, may be published from the Oakland-San Francisco area, but not from Monterey or Bodega Bay. On rare occasions sightings outside our area may be included: this month's Bewick's Swan is an example. I am interested in publishing all unusual sightings, including out-of-season records, early or late dates, or even

very unusual locations of more common species. With a few exceptions, I will publish only those species recognized by the 36th supplement to the AOU checklist: no more "Yellow-shafted" Flickers or "Slate-colored" Juncos. It is easier to write the column if I have written reports, descriptions of very rare birds, and the obsever's phone number; your help in these areas would be greatly appreciated. Finally, it should be noted that although all the printed observations are carefully screened, they are not presented as confirmed records for distributional reseach.

JANUARY OBSERVATIONS

A **Yellow-billed Loon** was discovered at Monterey Jan. 24 and was seen through Feb. 1 (DE, TS, BR, JL, SL *et al*): most of the records for this species in our area have been between these dates. A flock of 50 **White Pelicans** was over the San Francisco waterfront Jan. 12 (DDe). One **Cattle Egret** was still at Palo Alto Jan. 3 (BMcC) and two at Martinez Jan. 11-12 provided the first Contra Costa Co. record (HG, JG, JRi, *et al*). Most exciting was the presence of a **Bewick's Swan** in a flock of 545 Whistling Swans near Red Bluff Jan. 13-24 (SLa, VR, JM, DR, *et al*). The adult bird was seen by many of the top birders in the state and assigned to the population breeding in Siberia (*C. b. jankowskii* in some authorities). Two unusual immatures were also present which may have been Bewick's Swans or hybrids, as the adult appeared to be paired with an adult Whistling. The first record for North America was found last year in Oregon and our bird may be the same individual: it is, however, the first record of this species in California. Perhaps the most nagging question is whether it could be an escaped bird, but a leading swan breeder has informed us that only 4 immature *jankowskii* are present in the U.S. to his knowledge, and to this date the consensus is that our bird is probably wild and a genuine record. 3 **Ross' Geese** were at Crystal Springs Res. Jan. 18 (TH): they are rare away from the Central Valley. A **Eurasian Green-winged Teal** was at Grizzly Island Jan. 29-Feb. 1 (JM, RDeC, BG, *et al*). A **Baikal Teal** was shot at Gray Lodge this hunting season (BD): because of the escapee problem this species has not yet been added to the state list, but a valid pattern seems to be developing. More **European Wigeons** were noted: singles at Palo Alto Jan. 4-7 (BJ, LJ, BP, *et al*), Crystal Springs Res. Jan. 6 (BS), St. Ignatius Collegc Prep., San Francisco Jan. 22 (B-McC), and the Solano Lake bird still present Jan. 26 (RS *et al*). 25 **Black Scoters** were off Ocean Beach, San Francisco Jan. 24 (RDeC): this appears to be a staging area for this species. 2 **Hooded Mergansers** were in Corte Madera Jan. 2 (VDaC). The **Harlan's race** of the Red-tailed Hawk was identified at Grizzly Island Jan. 29 (JM, RDeC): it is quite rare in California. The **Broad-winged Hawk** at Monterey was present all month (mob). Adult **Bald Eagles** were at Crystal Spring Res. Jan. 1-26 (BS, BSp, *et al*) and at Mallard Res., Concord Dec. 28-31 (FB, JRi, *et al*). Contra Costa Co.'s first confirmed **Sandhill Crane** was at Mallard Res. Dec. 29 (JRi). A dead **Sora** was found in the El Cerrito hills Jan. 29 (CA); they have become very scarce in the northern East Bay. Single **American Golden Plovers** were at Bolinas Lagoon Jan. 1 (GP) and Zmudowski

State Beach, Monterey Co. Jan. 21-24 (BY, DD, WP); the Pt. Reyes flock numbered 16 on Jan. 12 (DR, JR, *et al*). **Lesser Yellowlegs** reports continue: 1 at Sacramento NWR Jan. 15-19 (LCB, VR), 5 in the Suisun marshes Jan. 29 (BG). **Glacous Gulls** were found in Golden Gate Park Jan. 10 (RDeC), in Monterey Bay Jan. 12 (JL, SL), and a single bird at Pt. Pinos Jan. 24 was joined by another Jan. 27 (DE, TS, BP). A Point Reyes Bird Observatory census produced 60 **Thayer's Gulls** at Bolinas Lagoon; other concentrations are at Palo Alto and Monterey Bay. Northern California's first **Little Gull** was an immature discovered at Zmudowski State Beach Jan. 19 (BMcC, JMcC) and seen by many active birders there and off Moss Landing through at least Feb. 2. A **Thick-billed Murre** was at Monterey Jan. 19-25 (GSS *et al*): they are now regular there every winter. 1-2 **Ancient Murrelet** highlighted the seven species of alcids seen from shore at Monterey Jan. 19-25 (GSS *et al*): others included up to 200 **Rhinoceros Auklets**, 4 **Cassin's Auklets**, and 1 **Marbeled Murrelet** (DR *et al*).

Two **Long-eared Owls** were roosting at Gray Lodge Jan. 19 (LCB). A **Poor-will** was flushed along Gazos Creek Rd., San Mateo Co. Jan. 15 (BS, PM). A female **Williamson's Sapsucker** visited a feeder in Los Altos Dec. 25 (MD). An **Eastern Phoebe** was present in Scott's Valley, Santa Cruz Co., Jan. 30-Feb. 1 (EJM, BH). An **albino Ruby-crowned Kinglet** was studied in Tilden Park Jan. 30 (PO). A **Northern Shrike** appeared below Solano Lake Diversion Dam early in the month and was still there Jan. 26 (RS *et al*). The **Black-and-white Warbler** was at Pilarcitos Creek, Half Moon Bay Jan. 14-23 (BS, PM). A **Tennessee Warbler** was found in Golden Gate Park Jan. 18 (BP). A very rare **Lucy's Warbler** was seen at the Carmel River mouth Jan. 25 (GB, BPa). An immature male **Black-throated Blue Warbler** frequented a feeder in Portola Valley from Jan. 6 to the end of the period (MM, DDeS, *et al*). Single **Palm Warblers** were near Año Nuevo Dec. 29- Jan. 6 (BS, PM), Pilarcitos Creek Jan. 14 (BS, PM), Golden Gate Park Jan. 30 (SS), and one of the Carmel Sewage Plant birds remained through Jan. 24 (mob). A **Northern Waterthrush** was at Nearys Lagoon, Santa Cruz Jan. 19 (BE). The **Rusty Blackbird** at the Carmel Sewage Plant remained the entire period (mob). A female **Black-headed Grosbeak** was at Inverness Jan. 26 (OF, NS): it is quite uncommon in winter. Three **Vesper Sparrows** were at Grizzly Island Jan. 31 (HGr, MGr). **Chipping Sparrows** are generally absent in the winter, but 1 was at Olema marsh Jan. 4 (BM, GP, NS) and a flock of over 75 was present near Solano Lake on Jan. 26 (RS, *et al*). 2 **Harris' Sparrows** were at separate feeders all month in Berkeley (CG, DP). As usual, **White-throated Sparrows** continued to visit San Francisco and East Bay feeders (EP, IT, JN, *et al*). Up to ten **Swamp Sparrows** were still being found in Olema marsh throughout the month (mob). A **Lapland Longspur** was observed near Foster City Jan. 4 (PM).

Observers: Catherine Allman, Frank Beyer, Laurence C. Binford, Gordon Bolander, Val DaCosta, Rich DeCoster, May Dernin, Dave DeSante

(DDcS), Bruce Deuel, Don Devinc (DDc), Donna Dittmann (DD), Bruce Elliot, Dick Erickson, Otto Friesen, Helen Gentile (HG), Jerry Gentile, Bob Gill, Clark Gleason, Helen Green (HGr), Michael Green, Tom Hammer, Bob Hargis, Bob Johnsen, Lenore Johnsen, Steve Laymon (SLa), John Luther, Susanne Luther (SL), Bill Manolis (BM), Brian McCaffery (BMcC), Joe McCaffery (JMcC), E. J. McClintock, Martha Merk, Peter Metropulos, Joe Morlan (JM), Joyce Nelson, Peter Ourusoff, Gary Page, Wayne Palsson, Benjamin Parmeter (BPa), Eleanor Peterson, Dee Pruyn, Bill Pursell (BP), Bill Rccse, Van Remsen, Jean Richmond (JRi), Jolee Roberson (JR), Barry Sauppe (BS), Tom Schulenberg, Barry Spitz (BSp), Rich Stallcup, Nick Story, G. Shumway Suffel, Stephen Somerville, Inez Troxell, Bob Yutzy, many observers (mob).

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From Your President's Stockpile



ELECTION NEWS; On the next pages are listed the candidates for officers and directors of GGAS to take office in June 1975. No additional candidates have been nominated by the membership as was provided for in our newly revised constitution. Although the slate of officers is uncontested, we urge you to mail in your ballot no later than April 30 so that, in fact, the candidates are elected.

Under the current standing rules, the newly elected officers and directors will meet in May to appoint chairpersons of standing committees. Installation of the new Board will take place at our annual June dinner.

We are most grateful to the nominating committee (George Peyton, Marie Mans, and chairperson Aileen Pierson) for securing an outstanding slate and for meeting the prescribed deadline for notifying the membership of the committee's selections in this March issue of the *Gull*. The speeding up of our election timetable means a reduction in the time lag between the end of our fiscal year on May 31, the naming of chairpersons, the adoption of a budget and of standing rules for the next fiscal year, and the swinging into action of a new Board.

BOARD CANDIDATES:

E. E. (Bud) Henning graduated in Geology from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio and has done graduate work in Geology and Theology. For the past two years he has been a valued member of the Finance committee. He is a current Director of GGAS and a Life member of NAS. He is employed as a claims examiner by the Social Security Administration.

Mary Louise Rosegay, who holds an M.S. from Cornell University in Ornithology, has served a total of four years on the Board, as Corresponding Secretary and as Vice President. She leads at least two GGAS field trips per year, is a willing guide to out of town "birders", and schedules GGAS volunteers to serve as hosts at Audubon Canyon Ranch.

Betty Olds, a graduate of Iowa State University in Home Economics and a former Berkeley school teacher, has been a member of GGAS for fifteen years. She has traveled and birded over much of the United States and Canada as well as on the continents of Australia, South America, Africa, and Asia and has frequently served as an assistant leader on Sierra Club trips in the West.

Bob Johnsen is a candidate for Treasurer, a position he has held for two and one-half years. He is a graduate in Business Administration from UC Berkeley and has done extensive graduate work in banking at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is Assistant Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and heads its Examination Department. Bob's procedures, which include the assigning of income and expenditures to specific GGAS programs and activities, make it easy for the Board and membership alike to know precisely what the programs cost and will greatly facilitate the drawing up of the next year's budget by the Finance committee.

Naomi Sveningsen, a native of Nebraska, has been a resident of San Francisco since 1953. For 17 of those years she has been a member of GGAS and served in 1974 as a member of the Revision Committee for the Constitution and Bylaws. She is retired, having been Personnel expert, Headquarters Sixth U.S. Army.

Lenore Johnsen is a candidate for the office of Corresponding Secretary, a position she has held for three years. Her professional background included serving as Administrative Assistant to former President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California. Since illness forced the resignation of Dr. Albert Boles as Chairman of the Sanctuary and Memorial Fund, Lenore has handled all the correspondence relating to GGAS "Gifts and Donations". She has also spent considerable time as a volunteer assistant to Vera Parachak in the GGAS office.

Nominated for a three year term as Director (East Bay) is **Bill Love** who for two years has served most ably as Recording Secretary of GGAS. Bill has been a Natural Science docent at the Oakland Museum for five

years, is active in the California Institute of Man in Nature, and is employed by the Internal Revenue Service.

Chris Carpenter, a member of the Alameda County District Attorney's office and a graduate of Boalt Law School, is a candidate for Director (East Bay) for a two year term. Relatively new to GGAS and to "birding" Chris has been an interested participant at GGAS meetings and field trips.

Barry Spitz, nominated as Director for a three year term (San Francisco), holds a B.A. from Colgate University and an M.B.A. from Columbia Graduate School of Business. He came to California in 1970, has participated in a number of Audubon activities, and is a member of this year's Finance Committee. He is employed by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco of which he is Manager of the Treasury Department.

BOARD ACTIONS: A joint resolution has been passed by the Golden Gate Audubon Society and the Save the San Francisco Bay Association to secure dedication of the federally owned lands and waters at Point Molate for a State or Federal park, educational and recreational use. A field trip on Saturday, March 1, led by Tom Williams and Fred Tarp (see the February *Gull*) will give all participants the opportunity to see the unique combination of natural, historical, educational, and recreational possibilities offered by Point Molate, within easy reach of a high population center.

DATES TO SET ASIDE: GGAS is planning a family style picnic at Audubon Canyon Ranch on Sunday, May 18.

Our June dinner, which will include installation of the new officers, will be on Thursday, June 12, at the First Unitarian Church, Franklin and Geary in San Francisco. Bonnie Smith (681-7635), Martie Seherf (751-8349) and Vi Drescher (566-0742) have graciously offered to oversee the dinner. Please call them to offer assistance. Details on both of these events will appear in a later date in the *Gull*.

A trip to the Galapagos, sponsored by GGAS under the direction of George Peyton, is tentatively scheduled for late March and early April of 1976. It will include an elective trip either to the Amazon or to the Rio Napo. George led an earlier trip for GGAS to Australia, and one to Africa for the Oakland Museum for whom he is also leading a trip this summer to Alaska. A sizeable donation is returned by George to the sponsoring organization.

NATURAL SCIENCE COURSES. ALBANY EVENING SCHOOL: The GGAS-initiated series of classes, being sponsored by Albany Adult Evening School, continues to draw enthusiastic response from the Society and the community. In the Fall quarter more than a hundred showed up to register for Paul Kelly's Ornithology course and about 80 were accommodated in two sections. In the winter quarter Paul had about 25 students in attendance at the lecture portion of his course on Natural

History of the Vertebrates of the Bay area and has averaged about 30 on the field trips. On two of these trips the students were involved in mist netting and banding of land birds at Coyote Hills and of shore birds at the Palo Alto Marsh. The students were able to check field marks of the bird "in hand" before releasing it. Paul reports that this class had only 3-4 "birders" and that the students were largely new to field work which gave him an opportunity to "turn on" students not already committed to conservation and to the pleasure of exploring the wildlife and the excellent sites around the Bay area.

Perry Mulleavy spent considerable time collecting materials for use in his course on the Mushrooms of the Bay Area. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching a group of about 30 students (spanning a wide age range) to distinguish the edible from the non-edible and perhaps deadly varieties of mushrooms. Art Smith's course on the Geology of the Bay area attracted about 17 students.

—G. R. MACHLIS, *President*

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS TO TAKE OFFICE IN JUNE 1975

The Nominating Committee, composed of Marie Mans, George Peyton, and Aileen Pierson, submits the following list of candidates to succeed those whose terms of office expire in June 1975.

President	E. R. (Bud) Henning
First Vice President	Mary Louise Rosegay
Second Vice President	Elizabeth Olds
Treasurer	Robert C. Johnsen
Recording Secretary	Naomi Sveningsen
Corresponding Secretary	Lenore Johnsen
Director for regular term (East Bay)	Bill Love
Director for two-year term (East Bay)	Christopher G. Carpenter
Director (San Francisco)	Barry Spitz

Continuing Directors are: Clarie Johnson (East Bay), one more year; William S. Picher (San Francisco), two more years; and Aileen Pierson (San Francisco), one more year. A director's term of office is three years. Bud Henning had two years left in his term as Director.

In accordance with the Bylaws of GGAS, B. 1 and 2 of the Standing Rules for 1974-75, adopted by the Board, provide:

1. The elective year shall be from one Annual Installation dinner in late May or early June until the one following.
2. Nominations shall be published in *The Gull*. In accordance with Article VI, Section 2 under Nominating Committee, the Nominating Committee shall submit to the Editor of *The Gull* on or before February 1 the candidates for officers and directors, including any submitted by the membership, to be published in the March *Gull*, together with an appropriate ballot to be returned not later than April 30.

There are no nominatins other than those listed above.

—AILEEN PIERSON, *Chairperson, Nominating Committee*

BALLOT — ELECTION 1975

Note: This ballot is for members of GGAS only. Unless you are a member, do not return the ballot.

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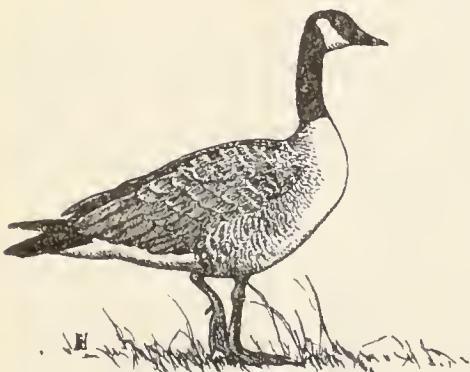
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E. R. (Bud) Henning, President
 Mary Louise Rosegay, First Vice President
 Elizabeth Olds, Second Vice President
 Robert C. Johnsen, Treasurer
 Naomi Sveningsen, Recording Secretary
 Lenore Johnsen, Corresponding Secretary
 Bill Love, Director
 Christopher G. Carpenter, Director (Two-year Term)
 Barry Spitz, Director

For your vote to be counted, the ballot must be returned not later than **April 30**. Send it to the GGAS Office, 2718 Telegraph Avenue #206, Berkeley, California 94705.

Covel's Conservation Corner



SUPER-TANKER CONTROVERSY (CONTINUED): Standard Oil's side of the coin was presented to several GGAS officers and members at a January 16 Oakland meeting on the proposed Estero Bay supertanker terminal off the San Luis Obispo coast. Mr. Bruce Beraert, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, and Mr. Jules Mayer, Project Manager, gave the briefings. Our December "Conservation Corner" had followed the

lead of National Audubon and other environmental organizations in op-

posing such a facility. Now, I must admit that assuming we are condemned to super-tanker delivery of Alaskan oil to the California coast, Standard has built up a strong case for the selection of this site.

However, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after a study of 22 proposed sites for a tanker off-loading facility excluded the Estero Bay location (north of Morro Bay) because of important wildlife and recreational values and its distance from refineries. We have a letter postmarked November 1974 to the president of the Morro Bay Audubon Society from Nat P. Reed of the U.S. Department of the Interior, supporting the position of the Corps and calling for further study of offshore sites. A number of environmental and governmental boards and commissions have yet to approve this Estero Bay selection of Standard Oil. So that is the other side. Any further action by the GGAS Board will subsequently be reported.

OAKLAND HILLS SUBDIVISION: The proposed Mountain Village subdivision in the East Oakland hills, which now has the sanction of the Oakland City Council and the school board, was discussed at the January meeting of the Sierra Club East Bay Conservation Subcommittee. Little public notice has been given to the fact that reflected lights of this development would almost destroy the efficiency of Chabot Observatory's big telescope. Both observatory and planetarium might have to be moved to a site above Merritt College. Since the present buildings sit on an earthquake fault, monies allotted for code alterations to earthquake standards could be used toward the move. Such funds are likely to prove inadequate, however.

The Environmental Impact Report prepared by the developer, the Aluminum Company of America, will soon be made public. This project calls for skimming off up to 150 feet of the ridgeline. As lawsuits and skyrocketing building costs still confront this project, there are suggestions that ALCOA might avoid future headaches and win a great image by simply offering the entire tract for park purposes.

CONGRATULATIONS: The selection of a noted conservationist, Claire Dedrick of the Sierra Club, as Secretary of Natural Resources in Governor Brown's new cabinet, is a big plus for the state. Mrs. Dedrick's department head appointees and holdovers may now take positions supporting our environment. We know one holdover with a pretty good record on that. Will he survive in the new shuffle?

Hats off to the school principal in Camarillo who made a display of food wasted during lunch periods. Food wastage is a typical daily occurrence across our land, among adults as well as the young, while our countrymen go hungry and elsewhere people starve. Will we ever learn?

—PAUL COVEL, *Conservation Chairman*

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS*In memory of:*

For Audubon Canyon Ranch

Gift of:

Mrs. Ralph Glass	Mrs. Everett Glass, Mrs. H. Van Gelder
Mrs. F. Marshall Jencks	Dr. & Mrs. A. Boles
Carlyle W. Sather	Aileen Pierson
Loris P. Smith	Laurence and Hattie Curl
Arthur H. Myer	Laurence and Hattie Curl
Al Raeburn	Ken and Claude Babcock

In memory of:

For GGAS

Gift of:

Carlyle W. Sather	Paul & Marion Covell
H. L. Coggins	Paul & Marion Covell
Mrs. F. Marshall Jencks	Paul & Marion Covell
Elaine Eschweiler	Anna May McCleave

In honor of:

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The Society welcomes gifts in general or gifts in honor or in memory of relatives and friends. Such gifts will be used as specified by the donor, or if unspecified, at the discretion of the Board. This includes their use for general GGAS activities or for special programs of the Society including Audubon Canyon Ranch of which GGAS is a co-sponsor. Please send your gift in the form of a check made out to the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. to Mrs. Robert C. Johnsen, Corresponding Secretary, 4 Del Valle, Orinda, CA 94563. The Society is also appreciative of any bequests. Such bequests should specify as recipient the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. All gifts, donations, and bequests will be acknowledged in the *GULL* as well as personally on behalf of the Society by the Corresponding Secretary.

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Carl was a long-time Golden Gate member, a wonderful birder and an unusually fine man. He was very helpful on field trips especially to beginners and will always be remembered with much warmth.

NEWS FROM AUDUBON CANYON RANCH

The following friends have become Sponsors of ACR by virtue of having contributed "an acre", \$800 or more to the ranch:

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This brings to 320 the total number of the Sponsors of the ranch. The minimum amount their contributions could have come to was \$256,000! Actually it was a great deal more. Think how much land the ranch was able to acquire by virtue of the contributions of those few people. Think how much more could be done if another 320 of our friends gave, or pledged, or simply made their goal a total gift of \$800 to ACR!

Our best friend, National Audubon Society, has arranged a gift to ACR of a hundred foot lot on the shore of Tomales Bay just north of our property near Marshall.

The Board of Directors of Audubon Canyon Ranch voted at its last meeting to name the old farmhouse recently acquired in Volunteer Canyon in memory of William Leonard Crum and in gratitude to Eleanor Evans Crum. It also voted to name the small building recently erected in Volunteer Canyon in memory of Marvin Fallgatter and in gratitude to Frances Ellen Fallgatter. Mrs. Crum and Mrs. Fallgatter have been kind and generous friends to the ranch.

Reproductions of two rare prints have been added to the historical display at ACR. One, courtesy of Robert H. Power, is "The Meeting of Sir Francis Drake and the Coast Indian Miwok Chief, June 26, 1579". The print, by Theodore de Bray, was originally published in 1599. The other print, reproduced through the courtesy of the Bancroft Library, UC, Berkeley, is entitled "Drake Crowned King of New Albion" and was published in Amsterdam in 1673.

GLACIER BAY TO THE PRIBILOFS

Three of the most spectacular natural areas of Alaska — Glacier Bay, Mt. McKinley National Park, and the Pribilof Islands — will be featured in a natural history tour from June 21 through July 6 sponsored by the Natural Sciences Guild of the Oakland Museum Association. Timed at the peak of the wildflower bloom and bird breeding, the tour will be led by George Peyton. For information call (415) 788-7186 or write Siemer and Hand, Ltd., One Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, CA 94111. (see "Your President's Stockpile" for tentative plans for a GGAS-sponsored trip to the Galapagos.—Ed.)

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FOR EVERY MEMBER—A NEW MEMBER

We have been asked by President Elvis Stahr to double our membership over the next three years. This is a goal that can be met only if the full membership takes seriously this need. Many of us prize our membership in the society for reasons of our own—we enjoy the national magazine; we value the association of like-minded people; we want to be alerted to conservation causes and to lend our support; we are thrilled with legislation which is often the result of our efforts and perseverance; and we enjoy looking at birds.

A great many people know little or nothing of our organization, even though they would be greatly interested if given the opportunity. A committee can make a modest foray into this area, but can nowhere match the single effort of each member securing another.

If you believe that this is a worthwhile effort, and you would like to contribute something to the advancement of the Audubon Society, consider the following: Give a gift to a young friend or to a family member graduating this year. The cost of a student membership is only \$7. Tell a neighbor why you enjoy Audubon, and invite him to join. If you are in a profession with a waiting room, stock it full of copies of the national magazine, and pass them around to your associates so they may do the same. Read our publications more thoroughly and discover an interesting and active world. Then give someone an opportunity to participate in it.

Above, is a simple application form; make use of it and return it to our office in Berkeley. You will do someone a favor.

—CARL KINTD, *Membership Chairman*



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